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Meeting Minutes 09/15/2008

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 09/15/2008

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Dunn*	Phelps*
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons*	Bayer*
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst	Ronan
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	
DuBois*	Howard	Fanning*	Turkall*

*Indicates present

VISITORS: Town Manager, Brian Sullivan; Deputy Town Manager, Nancy Galkowski

Chairman Tosti brought the meeting to order.

Sullivan discussed the 2010 budget being on-target with no foreseeable surprises. Sullivan is negotiating with Unions to enter GIC (State run health insurance) and hoping the Town can enter by July 1, 2010. This step could save the Town \$1,000,000.

Foskett asked about the Symmes project. Sullivan stated that money for Symmes is in the black and tax revenue will pay for Symmes Bonds. The project is approximately six months behind due to some problems within JEI, the construction company.

Galkowski handed out budget spreadsheets for FY2008-FY2013 and also a spreadsheet for FY2011-2015.

DeCoursey stated Minuteman Regional will be beginning their strategic plan for their budget. Will update the FinCom at January meeting.

Fanning stated that the School Committee will be meeting next Tuesday to discuss appointing the interim superintendent as permanent. The interim supt. will be presenting her goals for the year to a school comm subcommittee before the vote takes place.

DuBois is vacating her position on the Vision 2020 standing committee and Tosti asked for a replacement

Turkall presided over the 2008-2009 election of officers. Tosti was elected as Chairman; Foskett, Jones, and Fanning were elected as vice-chairs; and Howard was elected as Recording Secretary.

Tosti discussed a possible warrant article to partially fund Deferred and Sick Leave Buy Back. In 07, \$4,000 was placed into the account and in 08 between \$20,000-\$30,000. Continued funding of this article was strongly recommended.

Tosti asked Ferrara to talk to Director of Public Works regarding a Maintenance line item in the budget. First

meeting in January will continue this discussion.

Gloria Turkall 09/16/08

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